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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CONTRACTING OFFICER'S LETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

## AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with the Firewel Company, Inc., Buffalo, New York, for operation and maintenance of pilot's personal equipment at places within the continental limits of the United States.

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(AQUATONE) is estimated to cost is chargeable to Project AQUATONE funds; and is for technical services in connection with highly technical equipment essential to an experimental, developmental and research program presently under procurement and which will result in operational activities. I also find that this procurement is in the interest of national defense and that it has been certified by the Director of Central Intelligence under date of 9 April 1956, to be for objects of a confidential, extraordinary and emergency nature and therefore is within the purview of the procurement authority of the Agency as stated in Section 10 (b) of Public 110, 81st Congress. Procurement by formal advertising of the work and services called for by the proposed contract, would result in public disclosure of the nature and character of the equipment as well as its intended use and would thereby jeopardize the security classification of this project.

I hereby determine, as Contractor Officer for this contract that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract have been adequately documented by proper Agency authority, and that the proposed contract must be negotiated without formal advertising.

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